

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An immunogenic composition comprising a combination of *Streptococcus pyogenes* (GAS) ~~GAS~~ antigens, said combination consisting of two to ten GAS antigens, wherein said combination includes a Spy0269 antigen ~~GAS 40~~.

2. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said combination of GAS antigens further includes ~~one or more GAS antigens selected from the group consisting of GAS 39, a Spy0416 antigen~~ GAS 57, GAS 117, GAS 202, GAS 294, GAS 527, GAS 533, and GAS 544.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said Spy0269 ~~GAS 40~~ antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a first coiled-coil region and a second coiled-coil region.

5. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the Spy0269 ~~GAS 40~~ antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a first coiled-coil region.

6. (original) The composition of claim 5, wherein said first coiled-coil region comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 12.

7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 4, wherein the Spy0269 ~~GAS 40~~ antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a second coiled-coil region.

8. (original) The composition of claim 7, wherein said second coiled-coil region includes a leucine zipper region.

9. (original) The composition of claim 7, wherein the second coiled-coil region comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 13.

10. (currently amended) An immunogenic composition comprising a Spy0269 antigen and a Spy0416 antigen ~~a combination of GAS antigens, said combination consisting of two to thirty one GAS antigens of a first antigen group, said first antigen group consisting of GAS 117, GAS 130, GAS 277, GAS 236, GAS 40, GAS 389, GAS 504, GAS 509, GAS 366, GAS 159, GAS 217, GAS 309, GAS 372, GAS 039, GAS 042, GAS 058, GAS 290, GAS 511, GAS 533, GAS 527, GAS 294, GAS 253, GAS 529, GAS 045, GAS 095, GAS 193, GAS 137, GAS 084, GAS 384, GAS 202, and GAS 057.~~

11-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The immunogenic composition of claim 10, wherein said Spy0269 antigen ~~GAS 40~~ is selected from an ~~the~~ amino acid sequence comprising (a) a first coiled-coil region, (b) a second coiled-coil region or (c) a first coiled-coil region and a second coiled-coil region.

15-20. (canceled)

21. (original) A method for the therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of Streptococcus pyogenes infection in an animal susceptible to streptococcal infection comprising administering to said animal a therapeutic or prophylactic amount of the immunogenic composition of claim 1.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A kit comprising a first component comprising the immunogenic composition of claim 1.

24-27. (canceled)

28. (new) The immunogenic composition of claim 1 wherein the Spy0269 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

29. (new) The immunogenic composition of claim 10 wherein the Spy0269 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO:1.